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SUBJECT: KAGAME SPEAKS TO COUNCIL

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: RWANDAN VICE PRESIDENT PAUL KAGANE SPOKE INFORMALLY TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A SHORT FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH HE THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR ITS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF RWANDA AND ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.
3. KAGAME TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT ALTHOUGH PROBLEMS REMAINED IN RWANDA, PROGRESS WAS ALSO BEING MADE. AMONG THE MAIN PROBLEMS ARE DISPENSING JUSTICE, REFUGEES OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY, RECONSTRUCTION, AND CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT CONDUCTIVE TO RETURN OF REFUGEES. IN TERMS OF PROGRESS, THE NEW GOR HAS ESTABLISHED A BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT AND A TRANSITIONAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND HAS BEGUN THE INTEGRATION OF THE NATIONAL ARMY. HE THEN TOOK QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL.

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11. UNAMIR'S ROLE. KAGAME SAID THE ROLE OF UNAMIR WAS TWO-FOLD: BE THE EYES AND EARS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND REASSURE THE RETURNING REFUGEES.

12. FORMAL SESSION. IN HIS PUBLIC SPEECH, KAGAME THANKED THE SC FOR ITS SUPPORT DURING DIFFICULT TIMES. HE NOTED THAT HIS FORCES FOUGHT TO STOP THE GENOCIDE ALMOST SINGLE-HANDEDLY AND THAT THE FORMER GOVERNMENT HAD DESTROYED OR LOOTED ALMOST EVERYTHING IN THE COUNTRY. THE GOR IS NOW DETERMINED TO REBUILD.

13. KAGAME REITERATED THAT THE REFUGEES WERE MADE UP OF A MIX OF KILLERS AND INNOCENTS. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

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WAS BEING MISDIRECTED TO ARMED ELEMENTS. CRIMINALS WERE
HOLDING REFUGEES HOSTAGE WITHOUT THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY BEING ABLE TO REACT. HE RECONFIRMED THAT THE
GOR WANTED THE REFUGEES TO COME HOME, AND WAS WAITING TO
RECEIVE ADEQUATE MEANS TO ENSURE THEIR RETURN AND
RESETTLEMENT. KAGAME VOICED APPRECIATION FOR THE ROLE
OF UNAMIR. HE NOTED THAT THE BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT AND
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WERE ESTABLISHED IN THE SPIRIT OF
ARUSHA AND THAT ELEMENTS OF THE FORMER ARMY WERE BEING
INTEGRATED INTO THE NEW ARMY.

14. KAGAME APPEALED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO
ASSIST THE GOR IN PROVIDING GOOD GOVERNANCE TO HELP THE
RWANDAN PEOPLE. THE RULE OF LAW COULD HELP BRING
STABILITY BY DOING AWAY WITH IMPUNITY FOR CRIMINAL
ACTS. HE ENDED BY STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF JUSTICE,
TOLERANCE, RECONCILIATION, NATIONAL, UNITY AND PEACE.

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